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the Kwangsi Government started extending loans to some of the privately owned wolfram mines in Chungshan Hsien (III-C9, 24-32) and Lo Hsien (III-31, 24-33) which had not been forced to suspend operations after the Communist take-over of Kwangsi. The Kwangsi Government agreed to buy and control production.

2. the Kwangsi Government established the Kwangsi Wolfram Company and recruited more than 5,000 unemployed workers to expand the mining industry. In mid-May, eight Soviet mining engineers arrived in the mining area to take charge of mining operations. By early June, the daily output of wolfram from this mining area was about 300 tons. The entire output is shipped north to the USSR.

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Comment. Precise location in Chungshan Hsien and Lo Hsien not given.

Comment. Presumably this also includes the output from the privately owned mines.

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